

20 May 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR: 106th Rescue Wing Alumni Association

FROM: 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing Alumni Association Chairman

SUBJECT: 20 May 2014 106 RQW Alumni Association Meeting Minutes

1. The 106 RQW Alumni Association board and general membership met on 20 May 2014 at 1800 at the Quogue VFW. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for all former members of the 106 RQW who have passed away. Special thought went out to Lt Col Bill Jinks, former HC-130 pilot and Maj Gen Knauff, former NYANG Commander.
  - a. Col Arndt, 106 RQW Vice Wing Commander briefed the alumni on the following topics:
    - i. The wing's personnel manning is at 100%. The wing is actively working on training all personnel to ensure mission readiness.
    - ii. A ground breaking ceremony for the memorial park took place today with members of the alumni and base personnel in attendance. Final designs are being reviewed and construction will start in the near future. Future plans will include a minuteman statue and a statue of a pararescueman.
    - iii. The wing just completed a unit evaluation inspection from HQ ACC and received an "Effective" rating. Inspection cycles will be every 4 years from HQ ACC and the Wing's Inspection Team will self-inspect aspects of the wing each year.
    - iv. Currently, the wing is on a search for the occupants of a missing 39' sailboat 1,000 miles east of the United States.
    - v. The wing's strategic plan was briefed to include renovations to Hangar's A& B, the Fire Department and a new Communications/Security Forces building. The wing is expecting to receive 4 HC-130 J's in 2019.
2. Other Alumni Topics discussed:
  - a. Brick memorials/Air Park: A groundbreaking ceremony was held today. Bricks are still available for purchase and will still be available even after the initial bricks are installed.
  - b. Communication:
    - i. Meeting minutes are being emailed to all members and other former members of the 106 RQW
    - ii. Meeting minutes and other alumni association information are available on the 106 RQW website: [www.106 RQW.af.mil](http://www.106RQW.af.mil) on the Alumni Association link.

- c. Alumni Member Luncheon's/Meetings: There will monthly alumni luncheon at the Baby Moon in Westhampton Beach or at another restaurant to be announced at 1200 on the following dates: 17 June 2014, 15 July 2014, 12 August 2014, 7 September 2014, 14 October 2014 and 11 November 2014. Board members will meet at 1100 to discuss business and have lunch/open discussion on alumni events starting at 1200. All are welcome to attend the luncheons and board meetings.
  - d. Social Functions:
    - i. Family Day will be on Sunday, 7 Sept at 1200. All Alumni are welcomed. Please notify Rob Landsiedel if interested and with a number of family members. Please keep the numbers to spouses, children/grandchildren. Hats and shirts will be on sale at Family Day.
  - e. Scholarship: The 2014 Scholarship applications were sent out to all members of the wing and alumni members. Deadline 10 June 2014.
  - f. Shirts and hats are available for purchase. Please contact Jim Johnson if interested at 631-728-3048.
  - g. Funds: Tom Ingargiola briefed we have \$1,498.60 in the memorial fund. The general fund has \$3,030.76.
  - h. SMSgt (retired) Paul Prebish is working on the aircraft history of the 106 RQW. The Alumni Association will work with him on making that history known at the airpark.
3. The meeting concluded at 1845 followed by dinner and refreshments. It was great seeing everyone there. Looking forward to a big turnout at the next luncheon and at Family Day.

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Robert S. Landsiedel

106th Rescue Wing Alumni Association Chair